

REMARKS:

The pending claims in the present application are claims 1, 3-6, 8-14, 16-17, 19, 21-28 and 30-42.

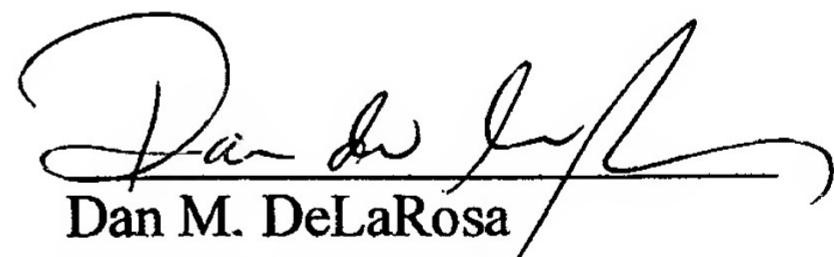
In the September 9, 2005 Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-6, 8-14, 16-17, 19, 21-28 and 30-42 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-29 and 36-41 of U.S. Patent No. 6,734,145. The Examiner further rejected claims 1, 3-6, 8-14, 16-17, 19, 21-28 and 30-42 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-36, 46 and 47 of U.S. Patent No. 6,734,384. In addition, the Examiner also rejected claims 1, 3-6, 8-14, 16-17, 19, 21-28 and 30-42 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-17, 19-27 and 29-39 of co-pending Application Serial No. 10/667,415.

In response, the Applicant is submitting a terminal disclaimer to overcome all of the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejections.

In view of the actions taken and arguments presented, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention is now in condition for allowance.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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